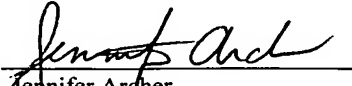


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Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

**I. Timeliness, Fees and Certifications in lieu of Fees**

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**II. Copies of Listed References**

This application is a PCT national stage application, all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the international search report. Therefore, copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are not now being supplied.

**III. Concise Statement of Relevance**

All references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are referred to in the specification and/or were cited in the international search report, and a copy of that search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by the International Search Authority, is attached.

**IV. Additional Information**

In addition to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following abandoned or co-pending U.S. patent applications:

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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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